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DATE: February 25, 2009

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Manager, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: Garden of Life, Inc. -Peanut Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Peanut Recall; Due to Salmonella typhimurium; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled product was distributed in Indiana. The product listed below has been sold to traditional and internet retailers and direct consumers in packages of 12 bars individually wrapped in flexible foil and shrink-wrapped in a shelf-tray. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Garden of Life, Inc. Issues a Voluntary Recall of fūcoPROTEIN Peanut Butter Crunch Dietary Supplement Bars (Formerly Called Perfect Weight America Peanut Butter Crunch Dietary Supplement Bars)

*Recall is Limited to Peanut Butter Crunch Flavor
No Other Garden of Life Products are Involved*

Contact:

Consumers - GOL Consumer Support Team: 866-465-0051
Retailers - GOL Retail Support Team: 866-465-0052
Media - Rhonda Price: 561-748-2477 Ext. 1100

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- West Palm Beach, FL, February 2, 2009 – Garden of Life, Inc. today announced that it is voluntarily recalling its fūcoPROTEIN Peanut Butter Crunch bars (formerly called Perfect Weight America Peanut Butter Crunch bars) because the peanuts in the bars were sourced from Peanut Corporation of America (PCA).

The FDA has indicated that Peanut Corporation of America is the focus of an investigation into Salmonella related illnesses thought to be caused by tainted peanut butter. Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e. infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis. For

more information on Salmonella, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Website at <http://www.cdc.gov>.

No illnesses have been reported in connection with fūcoPROTEIN Peanut Butter Crunch bars or Perfect Weight America Peanut Butter Crunch bars and no other flavors of Perfect Weight America bars or fūcoPROTEIN Bars are being recalled.

No other Garden of Life products are involved or impacted.

The company initiated the voluntary recall in response to the recall by PCA. Peanut products produced by PCA have been implicated in an outbreak of Salmonella. As the scope of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) investigation into this outbreak expanded this past week, PCA widened its recall. PCA has provided peanuts to one of Garden of Life's suppliers. Even though Garden of Life routinely performs pathogen testing on every finished good lot to ensure safety, it felt it was in the public's best interests to issue its own voluntary Class I recall of its peanut containing product.

The product listed below has been sold to traditional and internet retailers and direct consumers in packages of 12 bars individually wrapped in flexible foil and shrink-wrapped in a shelf-tray. The retailers in turn sell them in complete packages or as individual units. Consumers were also sold individual bars, and individual bars were placed into sample kits called 'Perfect Weight America Success System' and 'Perfect Weight America Ultimate Success System'.

The specific product in this recall is:

Labeled as: **Perfect Weight America Peanut Butter Crunch Bar**

Description: Protein supplement bar

Item #	Lot #	Expiration Date
101390	PBC553537	12-19-08 (expired)
101390	PBC550808	03-20-09
101390	PBC550948	04-03-09
101390	PBC551938	07-11-09
101390	PBC552058	07-23-09
Bars contained in Perfect Weight America Success System Kit Lot 101433-k and Perfect Weight America Ultimate Success System Kit Lot 101434-k		
101390	PBC553537	12-19-08 (expired)

Labeled as: **fūcoPROTEIN Peanut Butter Crunch Bar**

Description: Protein supplement bar

Item #	Lot #	Expiration Date
101390	PBC553118	11-06-09
101390	PBC553668	12-31-09

Customers and consumers who have purchased recalled product are urged to destroy the product, and to contact Garden of Life for further information. Questions may be directed to the company at 1-866-465-0051, Monday-Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM EST.

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